

## Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - October 2015

### 1. Balance of visible trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 6,375 million in October 2015 higher by 15.8% compared to the previous month and lower by 14.5% compared to the corresponding month of 2014.

### Summary of External Merchandise Trade

Value: Rs Mn

	2014	2015	
	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>2</sup>	Oct <sup>2</sup>
<b>A. Total Exports (f.o.b)</b>	<b>8,337</b>	<b>7,780</b>	<b>7,973</b>
Domestic exports	4,799	5,086	5,574
Re-exports	2,548	2,094	1,599
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	990	600	800
<b>B. Total Imports (c.i.f)</b>	<b>15,795</b>	<b>13,284</b>	<b>14,348</b>
<b>Total International Trade (A + B)</b>	<b>24,132</b>	<b>21,064</b>	<b>22,321</b>
<b>Trade Deficits (A - B)</b>	<b>-7,458</b>	<b>-5,504</b>	<b>-6,375</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

### 2. Total Imports of goods by S.I.T.C section

C.I.F value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2014	2015	
	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>2</sup>	Oct <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	3,334	2,581	2,799
1 - Beverages and tobacco	221	292	344
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	442	317	514
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	2,425	1,445	2,280
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	238	188	51
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1,372	1,312	1,245
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,611	2,689	2,586
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	3,479	3,073	3,058
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,576	1,330	1,412
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	97	57	59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,795</b>	<b>13,284</b>	<b>14,348</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

In October 2015, total imports increased by 8.0% compared to September 2015 but decreased by 9.2% compared to October 2014.

### 3. Total Exports of goods by S.I.T.C section

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2014	2015	
	Oct <sup>1</sup>	Sept <sup>2</sup>	Oct <sup>2</sup>
0 - Food and live animals	2,096	2,331	2,553
1 - Beverages and tobacco	81	28	118
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	104	99	96
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3	3	1
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	28	11	7
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	290	292	315
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	809	678	783
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1,369	701	264
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,526	3,007	2,999
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	41	30	37
<b>Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers</b>	<b>7,347</b>	<b>7,180</b>	<b>7,173</b>
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	990	600	800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,337</b>	<b>7,780</b>	<b>7,973</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>2</sup> First estimates

In October 2015, total exports increased by 2.5 % compared to the previous month but decreased by 4.4 % compared to October 2014.

### 4. Main trading partners in October 2015

Value: Rs Mn

Exports <sup>1</sup> (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2014	2015		Country	2014	2015	
	Oct <sup>3</sup>	Sept <sup>3</sup>	Oct <sup>3</sup>		Oct <sup>2</sup>	Sept <sup>3</sup>	Oct <sup>3</sup>
United Kingdom	971	960	1,068	India	2,447	1,638	2,747
South Africa	564	796	850	China	2,570	2,233	2,568
USA	628	828	796	France	1,261	978	1,185
France	734	625	791	South Africa	1,019	1,003	842
Italy	276	377	614	Spain	529	842	464
Madagascar	544	585	477	Japan	294	349	376
Other	3,630	3,009	2,577	Other	7,675	6,241	6,166
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,347</b>	<b>7,180</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,795</b>	<b>13,284</b>	<b>14,348</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Ship's Stores and Bunkers      <sup>2</sup> Revised estimates      <sup>3</sup> First estimates

United Kingdom (14.9%), South Africa (11.8%), USA (11.1%) and France (11.0%) were our major exports destinations in October 2015 while our imports were mainly from India (19.1%), China (17.9%), France (8.3%) and South Africa (5.9%).

### December 2015